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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: HOWARD ROBARD HUGHES

DATE: May 8, 1955

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 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On April 25, 1955, CIA requested a name check concerning Howard Hughes, manufacturer, aviator, and motion picture producer. It was indicated that Hughes was to be contacted concerning aeronautical research matters associated with CIA's foreign intelligence activities. Hughes has never been investigated by the Bureau. However, the files contain numerous references concerning him since several of his employees, including Johnny Myers, [redacted] have been subjects of Bureau investigations.

The attached memorandum for CIA includes information concerning Hughes' morals; his testimony before the Senate Committee Investigating the National Defense Program in 1947; allegations that corruption existed in the wartime negotiations between Hughes and Major General Bennet E. Meyers, Assistant Chief of Procurement for Air Force; Hughes' contact with Russian Army officials and Benjamin "Bugey" Siegel, west coast hoodlum. Information is also set forth which shows Hughes' anti-Communist attitude as a motion picture producer.

Information concerning Hughes' morals was disseminated to OSI on June 16, 1953. Since CIA is interested in contacting Hughes as mentioned above, it is felt the same information should be sent to that agency.

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the attached memorandum will be forwarded to CIA via liaison.

Enclosure

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MEMO GIVEN TO [redacted]  
 OFFICE OF SECURITY, CIA  
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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

NAME: HUGHES, Howard  
BIRTH: 24 December 1905; Houston, Texas  
ADDRESS: 3000 Romaine, Hollywood Calif.  
EDUCATION: California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.  
Rice Institute, Houston, Texas  
EMPLOYMENT: RKO Radio Pictures  
780 Gower St., Los Angeles, Calif.  
DATE DATED: Not Dated.

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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DATE *3-16-78* *1097*

May 13, 1955

HOWARD ROBARDE HUGHES SUMMARY  
Born 12-24-1905 HOUSTON TEXAS

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI *CALIF*  
concerning the captioned individual; however, our files contain  
the following information which may be of interest to you:

INFORMATION CONCERNING HUGHES' MORALS AND CHARACTER:

According to the current issue of "Who's Who in America,"  
Howard Robard Hughes is a manufacturer, aviator, and motion  
picture producer. Our files reveal information, unsupported  
by investigation, to the effect that prior to 1941 Hughes was  
reported to have made use of the services of [REDACTED]  
as procurers. [REDACTED]

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In 1940 Hughes  
became acquainted with Johnny Myers, the details of which  
association are set forth hereinafter. (100-15367-64; 100-70755-7;  
66-2341-26-11)

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1952, that he considered Hughes to be an unscrupulous individual  
who at times acted like a "screwball paranoid," to the extent  
that he, Hughes, might be capable of murder. This informant  
stated that Hughes was, in his opinion, of a highly unstable  
nature, was ruthless and, accordingly, would be capable of almost  
anything. (62-78335-220, 221; [REDACTED])

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EMPLOYMENT OF JOHN MEYER, AKA. JOHANN MYERS:

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During 1946 and 1947, considerable publicity was given  
to the activities of the Hughes Aircraft Company in connection with  
the obtaining of Air Force contracts. It was alleged that John  
Meyer, better known as Johnny Myers, public relations director of  
Hughes Aircraft Company, had used his position to arrange parties  
and make personal contacts with various Government officials which  
had resulted in the Hughes Aircraft Company receiving numerous  
Government contracts for airplanes. (62-78335-18)

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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF SECURITY

CIA 5/16/55

(Enclosure to Roach to Belmont memo dated  
5/13/55, re: "Howard Robard Hughes", SHR:lm/  
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[REDACTED] Hughes became acquainted with Myers in 1940, and in 1941 he was given the title of public relations director of the Hughes Aircraft Company. (62-78335-34)

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SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES:

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On April 14, 1946, the above Committee issued a statement that their hearings had determined that corruption existed in the wartime negotiations between Major General Bennet Meyers and Howard Hughes in connection with the contracts for the reconnaissance and flying boat planes. (46-10694)

HUGHES' RELATIONS WITH MAJOR GENERAL BENNET E. MEYERS:

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HUGHES CONTACTS WITH AXEL WENNER GREN:

[REDACTED] it was determined that Howard Hughes had been in contact with Wenner Gren in connection with the purchase and development of certain marine motors. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] (108-18, p. 3, 183)

CONTACTS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS:

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MISCELLANEOUS:

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The foregoing information is the result of your request for an FBI file check only, and should not be considered as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved. It is furnished for your confidential use only, and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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DATE: August 24, 1955

FROM : M. J. Gandy

SUBJECT: HOWARD R. HUGHES

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SYNOPSIS:

Bureau has never conducted investigation concerning Hughes, but numerous references in Bufiles. [redacted] describe Hughes as unscrupulous individual who at times acts like a "screwball paranoiac." Also stated Hughes highly unstable, ruthless and capable of anything. Has been known to utilize notorious procurers. During 1946 and 1947, received considerable publicity through utilization of Johnny Meyer to obtain Air Force contracts. [redacted]

During 1947, Senate Special Committee conducted hearings concerning possible irregularities in the obtaining of contracts by Hughes' aircraft company. Hughes appeared as a witness and admitted substantial entertainment had been furnished Government representatives by the company, but maintained it was done by competitors and necessary. In April, 1948, the Committee issued a statement that their hearings had determined that corruption existed in wartime negotiations between Major General Meyers and Howard Hughes in connection with the contracts for planes. Following completion of Committee hearings, Bureau conducted Fraud Against The Government investigation concerning General Meyers. Hughes interviewed in connection with this investigation. During 1948, Bureau conducted considerable investigation concerning alleged violations of Surplus Property Act and Fraud Against The Government concerning four Hughes aircraft employees. No information developed that Hughes was personally involved. In 1944, Hughes entertained four Russian army officers who toured a Hughes aircraft plant, in California. During recent years, Hughes is reported to have aggressively promoted the production of anti-Communist movies, and to have fired a writer who refused to answer questions of House Committee on Un-American Activities. In 1946, Hughes allegedly friendly with notorious Bugsy Siegel. Recent information reflects that Hughes and representatives have been spending considerable time at Miami Beach, Florida, and there is considerable speculation as to the reason. Hughes and associates appear to be deliberately creating an air of mystery as to their presence and possible plans to invest in that area. Speculations are that Hughes plans a major off-shore oil deal, is

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going to build a guided missile manufacturing plant or is interested in a Howard Hughes medical institute. On August 20, 1955, Bill Gay, private and personal secretary to Howard Hughes, contacted the Bureau and advised Hughes has a very delicate matter which he desires to discuss with the Director personally over the telephone. Gay left various numbers where Hughes could be reached.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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DETAILS

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(62-78335-144, p. 6; [REDACTED]) b7D

Memorandum for Mr. Nichols

August 24, 1955

RECENT INFORMATION CONCERNING HUGHES

By letter to the Director dated July 28, 1955, SAC, Atlanta, advised that one [REDACTED] had called at Atlanta Office and advised that approximately three weeks prior to his visit [REDACTED] was approached by Frederick Jackson Strickland and offered a position at Miami Beach, Florida, as a private secretary at \$500 per month plus living expenses. [REDACTED] was informed that Mr. Strickland was a representative of Howard Hughes who was to build a Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Miami Beach, Florida.

On July 23, 1955, [REDACTED] telephoned [REDACTED] and was very upset about certain aspects of her new position. [REDACTED] went to see her and ascertained the Howard Hughes Medical Institute had leased the entire second floor of a building at Miami Beach and employed six or seven persons. [REDACTED] had been given a suite of rooms at a hotel, a new car, membership in various exclusive clubs and a liberal expense account. She was told to become acquainted with the wealthiest people residing at the hotel. She only worked an hour or two each day and would then go to the home of Mr. Strickland's associate, Dr. Vern Mason, reputed to be former Dean of Medicine at Harvard University Medical School. She would eat and drink at Dr. Mason's until late afternoon and then the whole group associated with this enterprise would spend their evenings at night clubs. [REDACTED] was afraid that she might be innocently working for an illicit organization. b7c/D

In a letter to the Director dated August 19, 1955, SAC, Miami, advised that Howard Hughes had been in and out of the Miami area on several occasions during the period commencing with the 1954-55 winter season. Earl Wilson and Walter Winchell, both columnists, have been trying to find out what he is doing in the Miami area. Hughes has allegedly purchased a house in Miami Beach for movie actress Jean Peters, his current sweetheart. Various speculations in Miami claim that he is interested in a major offshore oil deal, is going to build a guided missile manufacturing plant and is planning a Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Miami Beach. The SAC, Miami, stated that it appears that Hughes and his associates particularly Strickland have deliberately created an air of mystery as to their presence and possible plans to invest in the Miami area.

In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated August 20, 1955, Mr. Nichols advised that Cleon Skousen called from Utah to advise that Bill Gay, Howard Hughes' private and personal secretary, had contacted him about working out arrangements for Howard Hughes to see the Director while he was on the West Coast. Mr. Nichols told

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Skousen that it was too bad we did not have this information sooner since the Director is now in a travel status, and it would not be possible to tie him down until he got back in Washington in another week or ten days. Skousen stated that he would contact Gay and put Gay in touch with Mr. Nichols.

Gay called Mr. Nichols shortly thereafter and stated that Hughes had a very delicate matter which he desired to discuss with Mr. Hoover personally over the telephone, but he did not want anyone in his organization to know he was making the contact nor did he want anyone locally in Los Angeles to know he did. Mr. Nichols explained the Director's situation and Gay asked for the Director's telephone number. Mr. Nichols advised him the Director was not at a place where he could be tied down and asked for Hughes' number. Gay stated it was CRestview 4-3728 which is the Beverly Hills Hotel, and the number at the hotel is CRestview 62281. Gay further asked if Mr. Nichols could fix a time when Hughes could call the Director. Gay's office number is Oldfield 4-4310 and his residence number is Dickens 3-3442. Mr. Nichols told Gay he would pass this on to the Director. On the afternoon of August 20, 1955, Gay called to advise he had learned the Director had called Hughes at the private number but Hughes was not in. The Director then called at the hotel and Gay asked if we could get in touch with the Director and ask him not to call the hotel since Hughes did not want to take a call over the hotel number in view of security. Gay stated any message to be left could be left at Hughes' private office telephone number Oldfield 4-3780.

*John  
gm*

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NAME CHECK

December 8, 1955

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
NAME CHECK REQUESTS

Reference is made to your name check requests concerning the individuals listed below, requesting only copies of reports of any security-type investigations conducted by this Bureau. In response you are advised that no such investigations of these persons have been conducted by the FBI.

HOWARD ROBERT HUGHES  
Born: December 24, 1905  
Houston, Texas

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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The foregoing information is furnished to you as the result of your requests for FBI file checks and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individuals involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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Note: The above-mentioned name check requests were received from the Department of the Army with notation on the form under the caption of "Duty or Job Assignment" of AWC seminar. (Army War College - seminar) The above name check requests were searched for results of security-type investigations only concerning the subjects per advice of SA [REDACTED] Liaison representative with G-2. It is not known when the Seminar is to be held.

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Date: 5/28/63

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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Via AIRTEL REGULAR  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (62-0 )  
SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES;  
TRANSWORLD AIRLINES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letter-head memorandum captioned as above. Also enclosed for New York and Los Angeles is one copy each of this memorandum in view of their past and possible future interest in this matter.

No action is being taken by this office.

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1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (Info)  
1 - New York (Enc. 1) (Info)  
1 - Newark  
AGB/jtm

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Approved: *[Signature]*

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Newark, New Jersey

May 28, 1963

HOWARD HUGHES;  
TRANSWORLD AIRLINES USA  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] appeared at the Newark Office  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 28, 1963, and  
furnished the following information: b7c/d

[REDACTED]

Sometime after his employment began, [REDACTED]  
produced papers and other documents, the source of which he  
did not disclose, bearing upon TWA and Howard Hughes rela-  
tionship. Also among this information was the fact that an  
improperly welded propeller on plane 1049 was the suspected  
cause of the 1959 crash of a TWA and United Airlines planes  
over the Grand Canyon. This information reflects that Howard  
Hughes and top Washington, D.C., personalities suppressed this  
information. b7c/d

[REDACTED] possesses an abstract or synopsis of the  
documents produced by [REDACTED]. This abstract comprises  
approximately 20 letter-size pages, the contents of which  
[REDACTED] believes indicates a matter which should be reviewed  
by the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. He  
declined to furnish a copy of this abstract. b7c/d

Interested party has been  
advised of this matter

Investigation being  
conducted by the FBI  
in this matter.

HOWARD HUGHES;  
TRANSWORLD AIRLINES

Upon first receiving this information from [REDACTED] he made telephonic contact with Howard Hughes' staff in California and with Chester Davis. Alan Stroud of the Hughes' organization was sent to New York subsequent to which Davis met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, "to discuss [REDACTED] assistance". At this meeting, Davis was extremely upset over the content of the information possessed by [REDACTED] and at one point offered to buy this material. b7c/b

[REDACTED] b7c/b

It was later decided that the information should be furnished to the Senate Investigating Committee. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] proceeded to Washington, D.C., and preparatory to disclosing the information to a Senate Investigating Committee, [REDACTED] placed the material in a safe deposit box. It was not turned over on this visit and on subsequent occasions. [REDACTED] moved the material to other safe deposit boxes. [REDACTED] does not know in which box the material is now located. He does have a signed agreement from [REDACTED] under which he can gain legal access to this box. b7c/b

[REDACTED] advised that he has expended considerable money developing this information and feels that he is entitled to remuneration by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, or anyone else who is willing to pay. He was advised that the Newark Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not make financial commitments for the receipt of information.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(PERSONAL ATTN: ASST. DIR. I. W. CONRAD)

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS

SUBJECT: HOWARD R. HUGHES  
REQUEST FOR LABORATORY  
AND FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION

DATE: 12/14/67

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Re my phone call to Section Chief W. D. GRIFFITH today.

As the Bureau is aware, HOWARD R. HUGHES came to Las Vegas to establish residence just prior to Thanksgiving, 1966. He has resided in absolute seclusion on the 9th floor of the Desert Inn Hotel since his arrival in Las Vegas. As has been publicly stated, he has purchased three major hotels on the Las Vegas "Strip" and a fourth hotel of lesser stature. He has also purchased two airports and many acres of land in addition to thousands of acres which he has owned for many years in Clark County.

In connection with HOWARD HUGHES' ownership of the various hotels in Las Vegas, he has been licensed as the sole owner and operator of these hotels by the Nevada state gaming authorities who have dispensed with their normal procedures of requiring an applicant for a gaming license to appear before the Gaming Control Board and Gaming Commission and to submit fingerprints and detailed background information regarding personal history and financial responsibility.

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In connection with the normal fingerprint requirement officials of the Nevada Gaming Commission had previously requested that I obtain a fingerprint record from the Identification Division, if possible, without the submission of a current fingerprint card. Based on background information the Identification Division furnished me a fingerprint record which appeared to be that of HOWARD R. HUGHES which has FBI Number 2 702 851. Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number, which is indexed in the Identification file, accompanied the request from Las Vegas the

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to Lab.  
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*We should have absolutely nothing to do with this.*

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Identification Division could not guarantee in any manner that this record positively concerned HOWARD R. HUGHES. This was stamped on the Identification Record which was furnished to the gaming authorities.

On 12/13/67, [REDACTED] the Nevada Gaming Commission, personally called on me and informed me that on 12/11/67, a conference was held at Carson City, Nevada, which was attended by the members of the Gaming Commission, the Gaming Control Board, and Governor PAUL LAXALT of the State of Nevada.

[REDACTED] stated that it was the unanimous consensus of this entire group that some effort should be made to enable the Nevada state authorities to know for certain that HOWARD HUGHES actually is alive and that they are actually licensing a "live individual."

[REDACTED] stated that even though everything appears to be 100% above board in connection with the purchase and licensing of the various hotels to HOWARD HUGHES, no one, including the Governor of the State of Nevada, has ever personally seen, talked with or discussed any licensing matters with HOWARD HUGHES personally. He stated that there is grave concern among the Nevada gaming authorities and Governor LAXALT that a great "hoax" could be being perpetrated on the state officials and for this reason some effort should be made to determine whether HOWARD HUGHES is actually in Las Vegas and is, in fact, dealing with state officials.

[REDACTED] stated that in initial negotiations with HOWARD HUGHES representatives it was pointed out that it appeared that the gaming authorities or at least one individual should have a confrontation with HOWARD HUGHES. [REDACTED] stated Attorney RICHARD GRAY of the Hughes Tool Company had handled most of the matters before the gaming authorities and when Mr. GRAY was asked if this would be possible [REDACTED] stated that Mr. GRAY lost his composure and indicated that if the gaming authorities would require this then Mr. HUGHES would probably withdraw from active participation in gaming in the State of Nevada. [REDACTED] stated at that time no further effort was made to pursue a course of a personal meeting with HOWARD HUGHES.

[REDACTED] brought with him on 12/13/67, the original of a Power of Attorney to RICHARD GRAY purportedly made and signed by HOWARD R. HUGHES. This Power of Attorney is an official record of the Gaming Control Board. [REDACTED] requested that, if possible, the Nevada gaming authorities and Governor PAUL LAXALT desired that the FBI, in a most confidential nature, attempt to do

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a handwriting comparison of the signature of HOWARD R. HUGHES appearing on the Power of Attorney with his signatures appearing on fingerprint cards which it is hoped are contained in the files of the Identification Division. It was pointed out to [REDACTED] and he was aware of the situation that the fingerprint record furnished to the gaming authorities could not positively be identified as those of HOWARD R. HUGHES. It was also pointed out to [REDACTED] that the fingerprint cards indicated on this record were quite old, having been taken in 1936 and 1942. [REDACTED] nevertheless desired that, if possible, this comparison be made. b7c

At the time [REDACTED] handed me the Power of Attorney I suggested to him that perhaps a fingerprint of HOWARD HUGHES might be on the document which he handed to me. This had not entered [REDACTED] mind and as soon as I told him of this possibility he also requested that an effort be made to lift a latent fingerprint of HOWARD HUGHES off this document. [REDACTED] stated he regretted this document had not been preserved for fingerprints and that it had been handled by many persons connected with this matter. He stated he would still appreciate it if an effort could be made to obtain a fingerprint of HOWARD HUGHES from this document. [REDACTED] stated he would not put any restriction on the treating of the document for the attempt to obtain a latent other than a request that it be readable when it is returned to him. b7c

As the Bureau can observe, the Nevada gaming authorities have been placed in a difficult position due to the idiosyncrasies of HOWARD HUGHES and the fact that he has lead the life of a recluse since coming to Nevada. The authorities do not want to jeopardize their relations with the HOWARD HUGHES authorities since they feel HUGHES' interest and activities in the State of Nevada have been beneficial, particularly in cleaning up many of the hotel-casinos formerly dominated and controlled by organized crime.

[REDACTED]

In view of the highly confidential request [REDACTED] also requested that this matter be handled personally by me and that the results of any examination be furnished directly to me rather than the gaming authorities. [REDACTED] stated that the b7c

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Nevada gaming authorities do not desire to do anything of an official nature with the results of this examination other than to satisfy in their own minds that HOWARD HUGHES exists and that they are dealing with him.

SAC, Las Vegas

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Director, FBI

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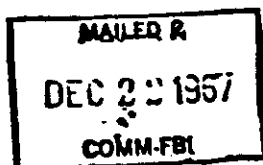
HOWARD R. HUGHES  
REQUEST FOR LABORATORY  
AND FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION

Reurlet 12/14/67.

The request for Laboratory and fingerprint  
examination set forth in relet cannot be complied with.  
The material you submitted is returned herewith.

Enclosure

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August 13, 1969

BY LIAISON

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning [REDACTED] and several other individuals.

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent derogatory information identifiable with the following individuals:

[REDACTED]

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

[REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Hughes  
[REDACTED]

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ON 1/1/69

To: son \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sincerely yours  
J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)  
1 Mr. Gale (sent direct)  
1 Mr. Jones (sent direct)

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*Moss*  
*- Summary*  
**MR. AND MRS. HOWARD R. HUGHES**

*Howard R. X* *- Summary* *Moss*  
**Mr. Hughes, who was born on December 24, 1905, at Houston, Texas, has never been the subject of an FBI inquiry, however, the following information may be pertinent to this request.**

According to FBI files, prior to 1941 Mr. Hughes was alleged to have used the services of certain procurers in obtaining prostitutes for his business associates. [REDACTED] *b7D*  
[REDACTED] stated in May, 1952, that he considered Hughes to be an unscrupulous individual who at times acted like a "screwball paranoiac" to the extent that he, Hughes, might be capable of murder. He further stated that Hughes, in his opinion, was of a highly unstable nature, was ruthless, and would be capable of almost anything.

In 1946 and 1947 one Johnny Myers, who was reportedly the public relations director of the Hughes Aircraft Company, had allegedly used his position to arrange parties and make personal contacts with various Government officials, which resulted in the Hughes Aircraft Company receiving numerous Government contracts for airplanes. [REDACTED] *b7C*  
[REDACTED]

During 1947 Hughes appeared before a Senate Special Committee investigating the National Defense Program of the United States, at which time he admitted that substantial entertainment had been furnished representatives of the Government by his company. He mentioned, however, that this was done by his competitors, and he found it necessary to do likewise in order to maintain good will. On April 14, 1948, the above Committee issued a statement that their hearings had determined that corruption existed in the wartime negotiations between Major General Bennet Meyers, Assistant Chief of Procurement for the Air Force, and Howard Hughes in connection with the contracts for reconnaissance and other type aircraft. *TJB*  
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NOTE: Per request of John D. Ehrlichman, Counsel to the President.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Hughes**

**FBI files contain no pertinent information concerning Mrs. Hughes.**

**Attached is a copy of FBI Record Number 2 702 851 which may be identical with Mr. Hughes.**

**The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Mrs. Hughes based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.**

**Enclosure**

April 17, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My associates have long been questioning the fact that  
Howard Hughes, the multi-millionaire, is still alive.  
Can you tell me if you know for a fact that he still lives?

My associates and I feel that you, above all, would know,  
if anyone does.

Respectfully,



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April 24, 1970

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 17th has been received.

I regret that the FBI is unable to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
October 27, 1970

Attached copy of letter to Mr. Jack Anderson, Washington, D.C. was sent to the Director by an anonymous source from Reno, Nevada.

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. SULLIVAN ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. [unclear] ✓  
MR. BRENNAN, C.D. ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN  
MR. CASPER  
MR. CONRAD  
MR. Felt ✓  
MR. GALE ✓  
MR. ROSEN ✓  
MR. TAVEL ✓  
MR. WALTERS  
MR. SOYARS  
MR. JONES  
TELE. ROOM  
MISS HOLMES  
MRS. METCALF  
MISS GANDY

*Madame*

[REDACTED]

*No suit possible -  
anonymous  
Att.*

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Bishop	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

October 24, 1970

Mr. Jack Anderson  
Washington Merry Go Round  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Here is a debatable question for someone: "Is Howard Hughes dead or alive?" Perhaps you can start the fire and let the Federal Bureau of Investigation make the final determination. Believe me, this is not based on idle gossip.

After listening to your debate with Governor Laxalt, I decided to contact you because of your apparent fearlessness. Bearing directly on the present administration, the Nevada law has certainly been circumvented by Governor Laxalt, Frank Johnson and the gaming commission in granting licenses to Hughes without the customary finger-printing, personal interviews and the like before making their approvals. This was never done and they never asked for photographs such as other must furnish. Furthermore, the Hughes licenses were granted in a few days while other applicants must wait weeks or months. Mr. Johnson stated publicly the board granted the Hughes licenses immediately as he was so well known. How could they be sure he was alive or in Nevada?

The tough Clark County Sheriff made the same exception and let the Hughes licenses slide through without investigation, personal contact or fingerprints. Recently, the Washoe County Sheriff did likewise. How much money was passed along for these exceptional favors? How would Laxalt have answered this question? His brother, John, in Las Vegas was broke when the governor took office. How could he buy a TV station as you stated, or part of one?

A few months ago, Mrs. Howard Hughes showed up in Hollywood with the announcement she would file suit for divorce against her industrialist Husband and that they had agreed on a financial settlement. No such action has ever been filed in any state and none is expected. You cannot file against a dead man. Even if she does file, he would not be required to appear but an attorney or two might be asking for trouble. Conclusion of the public: "She was probably given a big sum of money and told to keep her mouth shut, or else."

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It is well-known Mr. Hughes was an eccentric during his years in public life. After his complete withdrawal from society, particularly after he allegedly took up residence atop the Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas, what a perfect target he became for the Mafia, or any organization of gangsters.

Since Hughes had no relatives to inquire about his welfare, only his wife was in the way. Sheer fright could keep her quiet. In this day-and-age of drugs, hypnotic control and ill-designed brain washing it would be a simple matter to effect a complete take-over of the billion dollar organizations, together with Mr. Hughes and his wife. Who remained to ask question about him? Who could prove anything?

A couple of months ago, it was announced Hughes purchased a home somewhere in the Sierra Mountains in the Lake Tahoe area but nothing more was heard of it. Perhaps it will be used as a hideaway for some of his "friends".

About four months ago, I saw a picture in some cheap magazine like The Enquirer, purported to be of Howard Hughes taking a sunbath beside his pool with a burly bodyguard standing nearby. If this is a legitimate photograph, it would lead to the belief Hughes is alive but it would be no proof of his being a free man in full possession of all his faculties. The bodyguard may have been there to be sure he did not go anywhere.

This letter is written from a purely humanitarian purpose with the thought in mind it may help man who is beyond helping himself. Perhaps I should add that not a single person in Las Vegas, including Mr. Mayhew, his attorneys or top officials have ever seen Howard Hughes. Nor have they talked to him on the telephone. Orders simply come to them from "upstairs". Who is in charge "uptairs"? No one has that answer.

I am not involved in politics in any way and who is elected governor does not concern me. But I do believe Laxalt and Johnson were wrong in licensing Hughes without a usual, careful examination. It was certainly a violation of the rules and regulations to do so. You could bring this out without tipping your hand on the Hughes rumors until Mr. Hoover does some investigating. The City of Las Vegas, the Sheriff of Clark County and other did likewise.

Please treat this letter as confidential information.

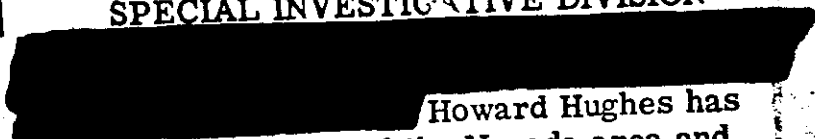
Good luck

✓ cc: Mr. Edgar J. Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

P.S. As an afterthought which may be helpful is that many of the managers and front men for the Hughes clubs are questionable characters who may be traced to the Mafia. As you may learn the Bally slot machines are used exclusively in all the clubs. This company had or has Mafia connections. Howard Hughes was never a man to deal with corrupt persons so who is behind the throne "upstairs"?

December 1, 1970

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

 Howard Hughes has mysteriously departed the Nevada area and that he is believed to be absent since Thanksgiving evening. Security forces unaware of whereabouts. Some personnel indicate Hughes' health has been suspect recently and consider departure may be due to power struggle among Hughes' top executives. Some suggestion made that he may be en route the Bahamas. Press unaware of developments and top Hughes' officials are making effort to keep situation from the press as they expect exposure may result in panic in some Nevada financial circles.

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3:56AM IMMEDIATE 12-1-70 RHJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, JAMES H. GALE)  
FROM LAS VEGAS (62-582)

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HOWARD HUGHES; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE LAS VEGAS TELCALL.

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[REDACTED] MULTIMILLIONAIRE HOWARD HUGHES APPEARS TO  
HAVE DEPARTED NEVADA UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.  
ROBERT MAHEU, DIRECTOR, H.N.O., HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REACH  
HUGHES FOR SEVERAL DAYS AT THE DESERT INN HOTEL PENTHOUSE,  
OR ANY OF THE OTHER PLACES HUGHES NORMALLY FREQUENTS. TOP  
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED HUGHES PENTHOUSE OFFICE  
REFUSE TO INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT HUGHES PRESENT. HUGHES  
BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM LAS VEGAS AT LEAST SINCE  
THANKSGIVING NIGHT. HUGHES EXTENSIVE SECURITY FORCE AT  
LAS VEGAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS AND ANY  
MOVE ON HIS PART COMPLETELY WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. 62-99801-11

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H.N.O. TOP PERSONNEL INDICATE HUGHES HEALTH SUSPECT FOR ABOUT LAST SIX WEEKS AND MAY POSSIBLY HAVE SUFFERED MENTAL LAPSE. DEPARTURE POSSIBLY INVOLUNTARY BUT BELIEVED MORE PROBABLY TO BE RESULT OF UNDUE INFLUENCE BY TOP EXECUTIVE GROUP HEADED BY CHESTER DAVIS, GENERAL COUNCIL, NEW YORK CITY. NO SUGGESTION OF ABDUCTION MADE AT THIS TIME. BITTER POWER STRUGGLE AMONG HUGHES TOP EXECUTIVES HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR SOME TIME WITH MAHUE AND DAVIS AS PRIMARY ANTAGONISTS FIGHTING FOR CONTROLLING POWER ON HUGHES EXECUTIVE BOARD.

H.N.O. EXECUTIVES SPECULATE THAT IF HUGHES HAS DEPARTED NEVADA, HE MAY BE IN OR ON ROUTE TO THE BAHAMAS.

PRESS UNAWARE OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS AND EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT BEING MADE BY H.N.O. OFFICIALS TO KEEP SITUATION FROM DISCOVERY BY PRESS. H.N.O. OFFICIALS SPECULATE PRESS EXPOSURE COULD CAUSE NEAR PANIC IN SOME NEVADA FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

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CC: MR. GALE



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LAS VEGAS (62-582)

HOWARD HUGHES - INFORMATION CONCERNING, MISSING PERSON.

Reference [2-99801-11]  
NYTELS, DEC. ONE AND DEC. FOUR LAST.

LAS VEGAS NEWS MEDIA TODAY REPORTING THAT HUGHES UNDOUBTEDLY LOCATED IN NASSAU ALTHOUGH THEY INDICATE HE IS PROBABLY AT BRITANNIA BEACH HOTEL ON PARADISED ISLAND. RETEL DEC. FOUR POINTED OUT THAT BRITANNIA BEACH HOTEL BEING USED AS DECOY AND HUGHES ACTUALLY AT EMERALD BEACH HOTEL, NASSAU.

H.M. GREENSPUN, PUBLISHER OF "LAS VEGAS SUN", HAD HEADLINE ARTICLE INDICATING "REVOLT WITHIN HUGHES EMPIRE" TODAY. NO MENTION MADE OF FBI IN THIS ARTICLE AND THERE IS NO INDICATION HE WILL MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT CONCERNING ANY FBI INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER. GREENSPUN HAS NOT AGAIN BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICE.

ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT ROBERT

MAHEU AND HIS TOP SECURITY ASSISTANT, JACK HOOPER, HAD BEEN

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MR. SULLIVAN FOR THE DIRECTOR

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TERMINATED FRIDAY NIGHT VIA TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE BAHAMAS. THE TELEPHONE CALL REPORTEDLY CAME DIRECTLY FROM HUGHES TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE AT HUGHES NEVADA OPERATIONS, OFFICE, LAS VEGAS. THIS WAS NOT VERIFIED. [REDACTED] OTHER SOURCES REPORTED THAT MAHEU INDICATED HE WOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT TERMINATION UNTIL HE HAD FURTHER POSITIVE PROOF THAT THIS WAS THE DESIRE AND INTENTION OF HUGHES. MAHEU HAS NOT AGAIN BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THIS OFFICE. b7c/d

GREENSPUN'S LEAD ARTICLE TODAY SETS FORTH THAT CHESTER DAVIS AND WILLIAM FRANK GAY, BOTH PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN RETELS, HAVE SET UP TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS AT THE SANDS HOTEL LAS VEGAS, AND ARE OSTENSIBLY CONDUCTING HUGHES NEVADA OPERATIONS.

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED BUREAU FOR INFORMATION AND LAS VEGAS WILL CONDUCT INQUIRY INTO THE MATTER ONLY AT SUCH TIME AS BUREAU INTERESTS MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED.

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CC MR. ROSEN and M. Bishop

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 12/7/70

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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SAC Campbell, Las Vegas, telephonically advised he had received a telephone call from Alfred King, attorney who is head of the Los Angeles Strike Force. King advised SAC Campbell he was desirous of having a complete file check made concerning the Hughes Tool Company, the Hughes Nevada Operation, and Robert Maheu (former Special Agent who has been in charge of Hughes' Nevada operations).

SAC Campbell inquired of King the reason for this request and King answered only that this request was being made based on a telephone call he received from Assistant Attorney General Will Wilson of the Criminal Division of the Department. King was again asked the reason for the request and would only reply that apparently Wilson wanted information concerning the "Hughes situation." SAC Campbell advised that prior to taking any action he desired to discuss the matter with the Bureau.

## ACTION:

SAC Campbell was advised he should call Attorney King back and advise him such a request for information from the files is one which would normally be handled at Bureau headquarters and that if Wilson wanted this information he should make his request known by appropriate letter to the Bureau in Washington.

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NR 001 LV PLAIN

5:47 PM URGENT 12/13/70 MJH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LAS VEGAS (62-582) IP

HOWARD HUGHES, INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISSING PERSON.

RE BU TEL CALL THIS DATE.

PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] UNKNOWN.

INQUIRIES INDICATE THEY ARE TO ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS SOMETIME AFTER TEN P.M. TONIGHT. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT HUGHES NEVADA OPERATIONS PERSONNEL TENTATIVELY PLAN TO HAVE

[REDACTED] <sup>E</sup> GIVEN A LIE DETECTOR TEST BY CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL IN LAS VEGAS.

LAS VEGAS WILL OBTAIN RESULTS OF POLYGRAPH TEST AND THEREAFTER CONDUCT THE INTERVIEWS. EX-106

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DEC 21 1970

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Sullivan

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 12/9/70

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Gale

Reference is made to Las Vegas teletype to the Bureau dated 12/8/70. Concerning information set forth therein relative to [REDACTED] SAC Campbell, Las Vegas, was telephonically advised today that he should be careful in his dealings [REDACTED] as he is no friend of the FBI.

SAC Campbell was most appreciative of the call and advised he had been careful in any dealings he has had with [REDACTED] in the past. He added that [REDACTED]

SAC Campbell said no new developments or information have come to the attention of the Las Vegas Office concerning Hughes.

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